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In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Unassigned  
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: Group Art Unit: 2612  
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The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
9-23551	Japan	September 5, 1997

### REMARKS

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action of a corresponding European application. A copy of the European Office Action is included as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's convenience.

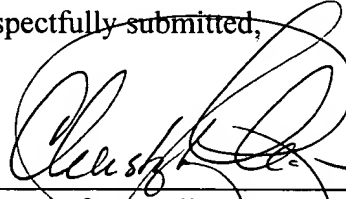
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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